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### **ETHANOL WORKSHOP TO ADDRESS BIOFUELS IN UTAH**

Business owners, industry representatives, fleet managers, government officials, and the public are invited to attend a one-day workshop on the use of biofuels. "Biofuels in Utah's Future: A Dialogue" is co-sponsored by the Utah Office of Energy Services and the U.S. Department of Energy. The workshop will be held **Thursday, May 10, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the State Library, 250 North 1950 West, Salt Lake City.**

The workshop will address the development of a biofuels industry in Utah, focusing on ethanol production, economic development, environmental benefits, and making Utah more energy independent. Participants are encouraged to identify opportunities, problems, and possible solutions for use of biofuels in Utah. For registration information, contact Lisa Yoder at the Office of Energy Services at (801) 538-8767 or toll free (800) 662-3633 for more information.

Biofuels include ethanol and methanol-based fuels produced from farm crops, such as corn and soybeans, and municipal solid and industrial waste. Biofuels can be used for the generation of electricity and to power motor vehicles.

Utah is one of six states this year to participate in the Ethanol Workshop Series sponsored by the U.S. Department of Energy's Regional Biomass Energy Program. It began in 1999, and offers states the opportunity to use grassroots interest and dialogue to evaluate opportunities and barriers for ethanol fuel use and production.

Following the recent release of Governor Mike Leavitt's energy policy for the state, the Office of Energy Services, the Salt Lake City-based Clean Cities Coalition, and transportation planners want to promote biofuels as alternative fuel sources. The governor projects that by 2010, fuel consumption in Utah will increase by 160 million gallons of gasoline and 99 million gallons of diesel over today's usage. His goal is to have more reliable, affordable, sustainable, and cleaner sources of energy in Utah in the future.

The Office of Energy Services initiates and encourages state activities that ensure efficient use of energy resources. These actions foster economic development efficiencies in all sectors of the Utah economy while enhancing environmental quality and quality of life.

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